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Direction unstated; one train consisting of one passenger car and one carload of empty bags; one train made up of four carloads of military trucks, two carloads of jeeps, four carloads of lumber, 11 carloads of military trucks, and 27 closed freight cars.

b. Road Traffic

One truck drove from Pol Dasht to Shah Takhti, deposited its load of bags, and drove back to Pol Dasht. One truck carrying some soldiers arrived at Shah Takhti from Nakhichevan.

- c. Seven hundred meters of barbed wire were received at the Soviet post north of Zacharlu (39-23N, 45-01E).

The Vicinity of Dzhulfa (38-56N, 45-37E)

3. The following activity was [REDACTED]

a. Rail Traffic

Westbound, Ordubad to Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan: 3 passenger trains made up of 42 passenger cars and 3 covered cars.

Westbound, Ordubad to Dzhulfa: 4 trains made up of 164 covered cars, 59 gondola cars, 4 tank cars. Some of the loads of the trains consisted of a quantity of stone and brick.

West and eastbound, Ordubad to Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan: 5 trains made up of 209 covered cars, 13 tank cars, and 32 gondola cars. 1 train made up of 33 covered cars and 4 gondola cars loaded with stone, brick, and kerosene.

at night 14 trains, composition unknown.

b. Road Traffic

[REDACTED] 20 trucks carrying soldiers, about 1 regiment (sic), with 20 guns (sic) returned from exercises north of Dzhulfa to Dzhulfa.

4. The following activity was [REDACTED]

a. Rail Traffic

East and westbound total between Dzhulfa and Ordubad: 1 passenger train made up of 14 passenger cars and 1 covered car. 1 freight train made up of 38 covered cars and 24 gondola cars.

at night East and westbound total between Nakhichevan, Dzhulfa, and Ordubad: 9 trains, make-up unknown.

- b. Sixteen armed infantrymen went from Dzhulfa to Ordubad and returned several hours later.

- c. Fourteen Soviet soldiers and one officer went from Dzhulfa to the post of Pol-e-Chubi (Wooden Bridge). After a short stay, the group went on to the post of Pol-e-Ahan (Iron Bridge).

- d. At Pol-e-Ahan 13 soldiers fired one volley.

- e. Soviet soldiers fired 17 volleys at Dzhulfa.

5. The following activity was observed during the period [REDACTED]

- a. One battalion of troops arrived at Dzhulfa.

- b. The Soviets began work on 30 wooden buildings, 20 x 15 m, aligned in five rows. The buildings were being built in depressions in the terrain.

The Vicinity of Sia Rud

6. The following activity was [REDACTED]

a. Rail Traffic

Westbound, coming from the direction of Baku toward Dzhulfa: 3 trains made up of 12 passenger cars and 62 freight cars of which

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4 were cars loaded with fire wood, 5 were carloads of coal, 4 cars were loaded with wood and lumber, and the remaining cars were sealed.

Eastbound, moving from Dzhulfa toward Baku: 2 trains made up of 12 passenger cars, 64 freight cars of which 24 cars were empty gondola cars, and the remainder were closed cars.

b. Photography

At 10:00 a.m. opposite the post of Garmish-Bughan (not located), a Soviet soldier came from the direction of Soviet Menjinabad (not located) to the frontier and took photographs of a spot where engineers were opening and repairing the road. After taking the pictures, the soldier returned in the direction from which he came.

The Vicinity of Khuda Afarin (39-09N, 46-56E)

7. [REDACTED] at 9:30 a.m., one train made up of 25 carloads of soldiers was observed at Khuda Afarin. Four trucks loaded with munitions and arms went from Dzhulfa to Yerevan the same day.

8. The following rail activity was [REDACTED]

- a. Westbound towards Dzhulfa from the direction of Baku: 5 trains made up of 15 carloads of wire, 17 carloads of wood, 20 tank cars, 4 carloads of coal, and 47 freight cars.

at night 1 train, composition unknown.

Eastbound from Dzhulfa toward Baku: 3 trains made up of 12 passenger cars, 14 empty cars, 24 freight cars, 11 box cars, 22 gondola cars, and 3 tank cars.

Westbound, Ordubad to Yerevan: one train made up of 33 carloads of soldiers.

The Vicinity of Garmi (39-01N, 48-03E)

9. During the period [REDACTED] the following activity was observed.

- a. The number of soldiers and civilians increased at Kazan Kushki, which is in the mountain forests opposite Garmi.
- b. Activities were stepped up opposite Larijan (39-16N, 47-08E) and Aslandan (possibly Aslanduz, 39-29N, 47-23E) and as far as a short distance from the Moghan Steppe. Patrols and the number of observation posts in the area were increased.
- c. Foodstuffs were being accumulated at Kazan Kushki and at the junction of the Qara Su River.
- d. At 12:30 a.m. on [REDACTED] two trucks, contents unknown, drove from the Soviet post of Iakin (39-07N, 48-14E) to the Soviet post of Asadlu (not located) and returned at 5:50 a.m.

10. Observations at about this period disclosed that Soviet senior officers at posts along the frontier in the Moghan Steppe region were replaced by junior officers.

The Vicinity of Namin (38-26N, 48-30E)

11. During the period [REDACTED] the following activity was observed.

- a. Activity was stepped up in the Namin area. Target practice with rifles increased at all posts in the area, especially at Zavand.
- b. Foodstuffs were being accumulated at all posts in the area, especially at Zavand.
- c. Patrols were increased at all posts in the area.
- d. There was machine gun practice at the post of Gloose (not located) on [REDACTED] from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.
- e. Road traffic during this period was routine.

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The Vicinity of Astara (38-28N, 48-52E)

12. The following activity was [REDACTED]

- a. Iranian searchlights spotted activity at sea. A motorboat armed with two anti-aircraft machine guns was observed one night during this period.
- b. Colored rockets were fired at the posts of Astara, Rudkenar (38-27N, 48-53E), and Masjed Mahalleh, a suburb of Astara.
- c. There was rifle and machine gun practice at Astara.
- d. Searchlights were active in Astara.
- e. Twelve boats fished off Astara.

13. The following road traffic was observed on the dates indicated.

a. [REDACTED]

North and southbound between Astara and Lenkoran: 5 jeeps, 16 trucks, 1 cart carrying 12 officers, 20 armed soldiers, 32 unarmed soldiers, 21 civilian males, 2 armed cavalrymen, 16 armed infantrymen, and a quantity of food and lumber.

West and eastbound between Astara and Masjed Mahalleh: 22 trucks and horsedrawn carts carrying 2 officers, 40 armed soldiers, 60 unarmed soldiers, 76 civilians, 2 soldiers on bicycles, 7 women on foot, 3 armed cavalrymen, 5 civilians, and amounts of foodstuffs, lime, wood, boxes, bricks, and lumber.

Between Masjed Mahalleh and the last western post under observation: 1 jeep, 11 trucks, 9 horse-drawn carts; the carts and trucks were carrying 2 officers, 8 armed soldiers, 43 unarmed soldiers, 27 civilian males, 4 women, 15 armed infantrymen, 11 civilians on foot, 2 civilian males on bicycles, some wood, sand, barbed wire, and telephone poles.

- b. North and southbound total between Astara and Lenkoran: 5 trucks and 1 jeep carrying 10 officers, 15 unarmed soldiers, and 1 group of armed infantrymen.

West and eastbound total between Astara and Masjed Mahalleh: 6 jeeps, 11 trucks, 18 horsedrawn carts carrying 11 officers, 75 civilians, 32 unarmed soldiers, 26 armed soldiers, and 7 women, 1 civilian riding a bicycle, 4 children on foot, 9 armed cavalrymen, 12 civilians on foot; flour, kerosene, boxes of ammunition, beds, and cement made up loads carried.

Westbound and eastbound between Masjed Mahalleh and the last western post under observation: 4 trucks, 5 horsedrawn carts carrying 6 armed soldiers, 3 armed soldiers on foot, 21 civilians, some tables, chairs, and stones.

The Vicinity of Lutfabad on the Eastern Border

(37-33N, 59-17E)

14. On [REDACTED] the following activity was noted.

a. Rail Traffic

Westbound, Kaakha to Ashkhabad: 5 trains made up of 46 passenger cars, 76 tank cars, and 63 freight cars.

Eastbound, Ashkhabad to Kaakha: 4 trains made up of 23 passenger cars, 32 tank cars, and 85 covered freight cars.

b. Road Traffic

West and eastbound between Kaakha and Ashkhabad: 6 trucks.

The Khorassan Area on the Eastern Border

15. The following [REDACTED]

- a. Ashkhabad appeared to be assuming the same role as that of Nakhichevan on the western border. Activity which had ceased after the earthquake

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has been resumed. Activity was picking up at the posts of Mahane (not located), Shilekhan (not located), Artik (37-36N, 59-16E), Hondon (possibly Houdan, 37-38N, 58-25E), and north of Iranian Jerghalam (38-10N, 56-30E).

- b. Patrols along the border were increased and barbed wire activity was stepped up.

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